



Lands with Wilderness Characteristics

Polygon 017



July 2013

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY
APPENDIX B – INVENTORY AREA EVALUATION

Evaluation of Current Conditions:

1) Document and review any existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory findings on file regarding the presence or absence of individual wilderness characteristics, using Form 1, below.

2) Consider relevant information regarding current conditions available in the office. Identify and describe any changes to the existing inventory information. Use interdisciplinary team knowledge, aerial photographs, field observations, maps, etc. and document the findings on Form 2, below. Document current conditions regarding wilderness characteristics, as opposed to potential future conditions.

Conduct field reviews as necessary to verify information and to ascertain current conditions. Reach conclusions on current conditions including boundaries, size of areas and presence or absence of wilderness characteristics. Fully explain the basis for each conclusion on Form 2, including any critical differences between BLM and citizen information.

Document the findings regarding current conditions for each inventoried area. Describe how the present conditions are similar to, or have changed from, the conditions documented in the original wilderness characteristics inventory. Document the findings on Form 2 for each inventory area. Cite to or attach data considered, including photographs, maps, GIS layers, field trip notes, project files, etc.

FORM 1

Documentation of BLM Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Findings from Previous Inventory on Record

1. Is there existing BLM wilderness characteristics inventory information on all or part of this area?

No ☒ (Go to Form 2) **Yes** (If yes, and if more than one area is within the area, list the unique identifiers for those areas.):

a) Inventory Source:

b) Inventory Area Unique Identifier(s):

c) Map Name(s)/Number(s):

d) BLM District(s)/Field Office(s):

2. BLM Inventory Findings on Record:

Existing inventory information regarding wilderness characteristics (if more than one BLM inventory area is associated with the area, list each area and answer each question individually for each inventory area):

Inventory Source:

Area Unique Identifier	Sufficient Size? Yes/No (acres)	Naturalness? Yes/No	Outstanding Solitude? Yes/No	Outstanding Primitive & Unconfined Recreation? Yes/No	Supplemental Values? Yes/No

FORM 2

Current Conditions: Presence or Absence of Wilderness Characteristics

Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017** Acreage

(If the inventory area consists of subunits, list the acreage of each and evaluate each separately).

In completing steps (1)-(5), use additional space as necessary.

(1) Is the area of sufficient size? (If the area meets one of the exceptions to the size criterion, check "Yes" and describe the exception in the space provided below),

Yes **X** No

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (describe the boundaries of the area--wilderness inventory roads, property lines, etc.):

Polygon 17 is located north west of Lookout Mountain in Moffat County, Colorado. The polygon is bordered by Moffat County Road 4 on the northern boundary from the roads intersection with Moffat County Road 68 to BLM 2090. The eastern boundary of the polygon is BLM 2090 from its junction with CR 4 south, until its junction with Moffat county road 67. The southern boundary of the polygon is Moffat County Road 67 form its junction with BLM 2090 west to its junction with Moffat County Road 68. The western boundary for the polygon is CR 68 from its junction with CR 67 north to its junction with CR 4. There are also two WSA areas located inside the road boundaries that are excluded from the polygons boundaries. They are located in the south and south western areas of the polygon.

(2) Does the area appear to be natural?

Yes **X** No N/A

Note: If "No" is checked the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for the remaining questions below.

Description (include land ownership, location, topography, vegetation, and summary of major human uses/activities):

The polygon is devoid from human impacts with the exception of an oil and gas development located in the northern middle section of the polygon. The natural integrity of the polygon is not impacted by the presence of human developments and/or activities.

(3) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for solitude?

Yes **X**

No

N/A

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for solitude):

The polygon is located in a sparsely populated portion of Moffat County, the entire area itself has outstanding opportunities for solitude. The polygon itself is no exception from the rest of the area, once inside the polygon there are outstanding opportunities for solitude.

(4) Does the area (or the remainder of the area if a portion has been excluded due to unnaturalness and the remainder is of sufficient size) have outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation?

Yes **X**

No

N/A

Note: If "No" is checked for both 3 and 4 the area does not have wilderness characteristics; check "NA" for question 5.

Description (describe the area's outstanding opportunities for primitive and unconfined recreation):

The main outstanding opportunity for primitive recreation is the wildlife photography. There are known to be wild horses and large populations of elk and pronghorn in the area, and that is the main reason people recreate in the area.

(5) Does the area have supplemental values (ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic or historical value)?

Yes **X**

No

N/A

Description:

The polygon is located in the northern portion of the Sand Wash Basin, which is known nationally as one of the few spots left in the country that is populated by wild horses.

Summary of Analysis*

Area Unique Identifier: CO-010-017

Summary

Results of analysis:

(Note: explain the inventory findings for the entirety of the inventory unit. When wilderness characteristics have been identified in an area that is smaller than the size of the total inventory unit, explain why certain portions of the inventory unit are not included within the lands with wilderness characteristics (e.g. the inventory found that certain parts lacked naturalness).

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|---|-----|-------------------------------------|----|-----|
| 1. Does the area meet any of the size requirements? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | |
| 2. Does the area appear to be natural? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | N/A |
| 3. Does the area offer outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | N/A |
| 4. Does the area have supplemental values? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | N/A |

Check one:

The area, or a portion of the area, has wilderness characteristics and is identified as lands with wilderness characteristics.

The area does not have wilderness characteristics.

Prepared by (team members):

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Date: July 4, 2013

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Date: July 4, 2013

Reviewed by (District or Field Manager):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_4**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

I. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS).
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route 1 / CR 4 runs from east to west along the northern boundary of the polygon, its northwest point is the junction of CR 4 and CR 68 and its northeast point is the junction of CR 4 and BLM 2090.

II. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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² Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

³ If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

⁴ The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route is a county road, mainly traveled by oil and gas trucks at high speeds.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

1. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

2. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

3. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

A. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed Graveled **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route is paved to the east of the polygon, but along the polygons boundaries it is graveled.

determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes ☒ No If "yes": by Hand Tools by Machine ☒

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe:

Route has multiple culverts and drainages.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes ☒ (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes ☒ No If "yes": by Hand Tools by Machine ☒

Explain:

Route is in very good condition, better than some paved routes.

2. If the route or route segment is in good⁵ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes ☒ No

Explain

Route is maintained by Moffat County.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes ☒ No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).⁶

While inventorying the area multiple other vehicles were witnessed on the route. Route is

⁵ Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

⁶ Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

most likely traveled several times per hour.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment⁷ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes **X** = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁸:

Route is maintained by Moffat County and is in extremely good repair.

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⁷ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁰ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment¹¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_2**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

III. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS).
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route 2 / BLM 2090 is the eastern boundary of the polygon, from its junction with CR 4 in the northeastern side to its junction with CR 67 in the southern side. GIS points associated are 17-006 and 17-07.

IV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose¹² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

¹¹ If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

¹² The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route's main purpose is to access a ranch development known as West Dripping Rock Spring along the southeastern boundary of the polygon.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

4. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

5. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

6. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

B. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **C** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **C** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route was bladed originally, along a hillside and crosses a significant drainage.

determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes ☒ No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage ☒ Barriers Other

Describe:

Route has had drainages put in to the higher erosion susceptible portions of the route.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes ☒ (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

3. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes ☒ No If “yes”: by Hand Tools ☒ by Machine

Explain:

Route is in relatively good shape, larger brush has been cleared from the route.

4. If the route or route segment is in good¹³ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes ☒ No

Explain

Route is in good enough condition to travel with a truck or 4x4 vehicle.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes ☒ No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).¹⁴

Route is in good enough condition to ensure continuous use, but the route most likely only

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¹⁴ Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

is traveled several times annually.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment¹⁵ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes **X** = Wilderness Inventory Road
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No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation¹⁶:

Route provides access to a ranch development, and receives enough maintenance to ensure travel.

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¹⁵ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

¹⁶ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

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APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS¹⁷

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road¹⁸ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment¹⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_3**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

V. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route 3 is the southern boundary, which goes through two pieces of State land that compose the southern boundary of the polygon. It is CR 67.

VI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose²⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route is designated and maintained by Moffat County.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

7. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

8. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

9. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

C. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route has been bladed and graveled mechanically.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes ☒ No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage ☒ Barriers Other

Describe:

Route has had drainages but into the sides, route is regularly maintained.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes ☒ (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

5. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes ☒ No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine ☒

Explain:

Route is in very good repair, there are no sign of wear and tear from natural forces.

6. If the route or route segment is in good²¹ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes ☒ No

Explain

Route has been designated and maintained by Moffat County.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes ☒ No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).²²

During our inventory of the area other vehicles were witnessed traveling the route.

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IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment²³ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes **X** = Wilderness Inventory Road
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No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation²⁴:

Route is designated and maintained by Moffat County, and is in very good condition.

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²⁴ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS²⁵

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road²⁶ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment²⁷ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_4**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

VII. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS).
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route is the western boundary of polygon 17. From its northwestern junction with CR 4 to its southern intersection with State land. It is CR 68.

VIII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose²⁸ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route is designated and maintained by Moffat County.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

10. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

11. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

12. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

D. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route has been bladed and graveled by Moffat County.

and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes ☒ No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine ☒

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage ☒ Barriers Other

Describe:

Route has drainages built in, which had to have been improved mechanically.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes ☒ (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

7. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes ☒ No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine ☒

Explain:

Route is free of any signs of lack of maintenance.

8. If the route or route segment is in good²⁹ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes ☒ No

Explain

Route is designated and maintained by Moffat County.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes ☒ No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).³⁰

This route is traveled on a relatively regular basis, recent vehicle tracks were observed

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³⁰ Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

while inventorying the area.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment³¹ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes **X** = Wilderness Inventory Road No = Not a road for wilderness inventory purposes

Explanation³²:

Route has been designated and is maintained by Moffat County.

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³¹ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

³² Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS³³

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road³⁴ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment³⁵ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_5**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

IX. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS).
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route 5 originates off of CR 4 from the north eastern portion of the polygon and heads southwest to an active oil and gas development. GIS points associated are 17-002 and 17-003.

X. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose³⁶ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

³³ This form documents information that constitutes an inventory finding on wilderness characteristics. It does not represent a formal land use allocation or a final agency decision subject to administrative remedies under either 43 CFR parts 4 or 1610.5-3.

³⁴ Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

³⁵ If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

³⁶ The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route ends at an oil and gas development which appears to be a recent addition to the area.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

13. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

14. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

15. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

E. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled **X** Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route has been bladed and graveled to facilitate access by oil and gas trucks.

determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes **X** No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage **X** Barriers Other

Describe:

Drainages have been placed along the route, along with a cattle guard at the beginning of the route off of CR 4.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes **X** (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked “yes” below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked “no” below)

9. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes **X** No If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine **X**

Explain:

Route has recently been re-grated, fresh turned soil lines the sides of the route.

10. If the route or route segment is in good³⁷ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes **X** No

Explain

Route is in good condition and is serving as access to an active oil and gas development.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes **X** No

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).³⁸

³⁷ Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

³⁸ Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Route is traveled on a daily basis by oil and gas trucks.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment³⁹ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes **X** = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁴⁰:

Route needs to be cherry-steamed into LWC Polygon 17, it is maintained to ensure regular and continuous use and serves as access to an active oil and gas development.

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³⁹ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

⁴⁰ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁴¹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁴² for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment⁴³ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_6**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

XI. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS).
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route 6 originated off of CR 4 in the northwestern portion of the polygon. The route heads southwest to a stock pond. GIS point associated is 17-001.

XII. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁴⁴ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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⁴² Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

⁴³ If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

⁴⁴ The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route served as access to a stock pond that has been completely reclaimed by natural forces.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

16. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

17. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

18. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

F. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route was bladed during original construction.

and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe:

There were no noticeable improvements made to the route.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 or B.2 is checked “yes” below) No **X** (if both B.1 and B.2 are checked “no” below)

11. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

No noticeable maintenance of the route exists.

12. If the route or route segment is in good⁴⁵ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes No **X**

Explain

Route leads to an old stock pond that has been completely reclaimed by natural forces, there is no purpose for the BLM to approve maintenance of this route.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No **X**

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).⁴⁶

⁴⁵ Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

⁴⁶ Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Route doesn't seem to have been traveled for a long period of time, route was completely overgrown.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment⁴⁷ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁴⁸:

Route once served as access to a ranch improvement, although the improvement had been reclaimed by nature.

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⁴⁷ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

⁴⁸ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁴⁹

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁵⁰ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment⁵¹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_7**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

XIII. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS).
List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route 7 originates off Moffat County Road 67 in the south east portion of the polygon. The route goes north from CR 67 and eventually connects with BLM 2090 at the West Dripping Rock Spring. GIS points associated are 17-010 and 17-009.

XIV. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁵² (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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⁵⁰ Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

⁵¹ If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherrystem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

⁵² The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route is used as an alternative access point to the West Dripping Rock Spring.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

19. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

20. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

21. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

G. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes **X** (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route was originally bladed through large patches of sage brush.

determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers Other

Describe:

Route is devoid of any noticeable improvements.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 or B.2 is checked “yes” below) No **X** (if both B.1 and B.2 are checked “no” below)

13. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes No **X** If “yes”: by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

Route shows evidence of water erosion in several locations that would not exist if maintenance occurred.

14. If the route or route segment is in good⁵³ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes No **X**

Explain

Route is not in good condition currently, and it is not the primary access point to the ranch development West Dripping Rock Spring located off BLM 2090.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No **X**

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).⁵⁴

⁵³ Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

⁵⁴ Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Route is completely overgrown and barely noticeable from the main routes.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment⁵⁵ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁵⁶:

Route is completely overgrown and does not receive regular maintenance or use.

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⁵⁵ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

⁵⁶ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS INVENTORY

APPENDIX C – ROUTE ANALYSIS⁵⁷

(Factors to consider when determining whether a route is a road⁵⁸ for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes.)

Wilderness Characteristics Inventory Area Unique Identifier: **CO-010-017**

Route or Route Segment⁵⁹ Name and/or Identifier: **LWC_17_Route_8**

(Include Transportation Plan Identifier, if known, and include route number supplied by citizen information, when available.)

XV. LOCATION: Refer to attached map and BLM corporate data (GIS). List photo point references (where applicable) or reference attached photo log:

Describe:

Route 8 originates off of Moffat County Road 67 and heads north through the south central State land, there is an access gate from the SWA into the LWC Polygon which leads to an unnamed spring. GIS points associated are 17-011 and 17-012.

XVI. ROUTE CONTEXT

A. Current Purpose⁶⁰ (if any) of Route: (Examples: Rangeland/Livestock Improvements (stock tank, developed spring, reservoir, fence, corral), Inholdings (ranch, farmhouse), Mine

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⁵⁸ Road: An access route which has been improved and maintained by mechanical means to insure relatively regular and continuous use. A way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute a road.

a. Improved and maintained – Actions taken physically by people to keep the road open to vehicle traffic. “Improved” does not necessarily mean formal construction. “Maintained” does not necessarily mean annual maintenance.

b. Mechanical means – Use of hand or power machinery or tools.

c. Relatively regular and continuous use – Vehicular use that has occurred and will continue to occur on a relatively regular basis. Examples are: access roads for equipment to maintain a stock water tank or other established water sources, access roads to maintained recreation sites or facilities, or access roads to mining claims.

⁵⁹ If a portion of a route is found to meet the wilderness inventory road criteria (see Part III) and the remainder does not meet these criteria (e.g., a cherry stem road with a primitive route continuing beyond a certain point), identify each segment and explain the rationale for the separate findings under pertinent criteria.

⁶⁰ The purpose of a route is not a deciding factor in determining whether a route is a road for wilderness characteristics inventory purposes. The purpose of a route does provide context for factors on which such a

Site, Concentrated Use Site (camp site), Recreation, Utilities (transmission line, telephone, pipeline), Administrative (project maintenance, communication site, vegetation treatment)).

Describe:

Route is used as access to an unnamed spring that has had a berm build around it.

B. Right-of-Way (ROW):

22. Is there a ROW associated with this route?

Yes No Unknown **X**

23. If yes, what is the stated purpose of the ROW?

24. Is the ROW still being used for this purpose?

Yes No Unknown or N/A **X**

Explain:

III. WILDERNESS INVENTORY ROAD CRITERIA

H. Evidence of construction or improvement using mechanical means:

Yes (if either A.1 *or* A.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both A.1 *and* A.2 are checked "no" below)

1. Construction: (Is there evidence that the route or route segment was originally constructed using mechanical means?) Yes **X** No

Examples: Paved Bladed **X** Graveled Roadside Berms Cut/Fill Other

Describe:

Route has been bladed through several large sage brush patches.

determination may be based, particularly the question of whether maintenance of the route ensures relatively regular and continuous use. The purpose also helps to determine whether maintenance that may so far have been unnecessary to ensure such use would be approved by BLM when the need arises.

2. Improvements: (Is there evidence of improvements using mechanical means to facilitate access?) Yes ☒ No If "yes": by Hand Tools by Machine

Examples: Culverts Hardened Stream Crossings Bridges Drainage Barriers ☒ Other

Describe:

Route has been reinforced along the spring, although the spring itself has not had any improvements done to it.

B. Maintenance: (Is there evidence of maintenance that would ensure *relatively* regular and continuous use?): Yes (if either B.1 *or* B.2 is checked "yes" below) No (if both B.1 *and* B.2 are checked "no" below)

15. Is there Evidence or Documentation of Maintenance using hand tools or machinery?
Yes No ☒ If "yes": by Hand Tools by Machine

Explain:

No evidence of recent maintenance exists on this route.

16. If the route or route segment is in good⁶¹ condition, but there is no evidence of maintenance, would mechanical maintenance with hand tools or machines be approved by BLM to meet the purpose(s) of the route in the event this route became impassable?
Yes No ☒

Explain

Route is completely overgrown, and does not access any developments.

C. Relatively regular and continuous use: (Does the route or route segment ensure relatively regular and continuous use?) Yes No ☒

Describe evidence (e.g., direct, vehicles or vehicle tracks observed, or indirect, evidence of use associated with purpose of the route such as maintenance of facility that route accesses) and other rationale for whether use has occurred and will continue to occur on a *relatively* regular basis (i.e., regular and continuous use relative to the purpose(s) of the route).⁶²

⁶¹ Good condition would be a condition that ensures regular and continuous use relative to the purposes of the route. Consider whether the route can be clearly followed in the field over its entire course and whether all or any portion of the route contains any impediments to travel.

⁶² Include estimate of travel rates for the stated purposes, e.g., trips/day or week or month or season or year or even multiple years in some facility maintenance cases.

Route is not traveled on a regular basis and doesn't receive regular maintenance.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Does the route or route segment⁶³ meet the definition of a wilderness inventory road (i.e., are items III.A *and* III.B *and* III.C all checked yes)?

Yes = Wilderness Inventory Road
inventory purposes

No **X** = Not a road for wilderness

Explanation⁶⁴:

Route doesn't receive regular maintenance and is not traveled with any frequency.

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Date: **July 4, 2013**

⁶³ If part of the route meets the wilderness inventory road definition and the remainder does not, describe the segment meeting the definition and any remaining portion not meeting the definition and why.

⁶⁴ Describe and explain rationale for any discrepancies with citizen proposals.

17-02 SW



17-04 SW



17-03 W



17-05 SW



17-06 S



17-08 E



17-008
7/3/13 E

17-07 N



17-09 N



17-09
7/3/13 N

17-10 N



17-12 NE



17-11 N



17-12 S



17 Scenic



17 Wildlife - Elk

